

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 5-7 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 2, 3, 4 and 8 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Canceled)

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) ~~The reinforced arrangement of claim 1;~~ A handle assembly of wheeled luggage having a bezel on a rear top, the handle assembly comprising:

two units each having a support tube and a sliding tube;

5 an abutment mechanism provided at a lower portion of the sliding tube;

a fixed pin for fastening the abutment mechanism and the sliding tube together; and

a reinforced pin in the abutment mechanism urged against a wall of the sliding tube.

10 wherein responsive to fully extending the sliding tubes, an H-shaped reinforced structure is formed on portions of the wall of each of the sliding tubes being in contact with the reinforced pin at about a bottom opening of the bezel,

15 wherein the abutment mechanism is an upright staged member and comprises a lower first pin mounting member having a first through hole and an upper second pin mounting member having a second through hole;

the reinforced pin comprises a first knurled shank inserted into the second through hole and two first fastening ends;

20 the sliding tube comprises two opposite apertures adjacent a bottom thereof, the apertures being aligned with the first through hole when the sliding tube is seated on an intermediate shoulder of the abutment mechanism; and

the fixed pin comprises a second knurled shank and two second fastening ends so that responsive to inserting the fixed pin into the apertures and the first

through hole receiving the second knurled shank and the second fastening ends the first through hole and the apertures respectively.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The ~~reinforced arrangement~~ handle assembly of claim 2, wherein the first knurled shank has a diameter larger than that of each of the first fastening ends.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The ~~reinforced arrangement~~ handle assembly of claim 2, wherein the second knurled shank has a diameter larger than that of each of the second fastening ends.

Claims 5-7. (Canceled)

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) ~~The reinforced arrangement of claim 1;~~ A handle assembly of wheeled luggage having a bezel on a rear top, the handle assembly comprising:

two units each having a support tube and a sliding tube;

5 an abutment mechanism provided at a lower portion of the sliding tube;

a fixed pin for fastening the abutment mechanism and the sliding tube together; and

a reinforced pin in the abutment mechanism urged against a wall of the sliding tube.

10 wherein responsive to fully extending the sliding tubes, an H-shaped reinforced structure is formed on portions of the wall of each of the sliding tubes being in contact with the reinforced pin at about a bottom opening of the bezel,

wherein the abutment mechanism further comprises two longitudinal grooves along two opposite sides of the first and second pin mounting members, two
15 transverse troughs below the grooves, two stop members below the troughs, an upper abutment, a lower abutment both below the first pin mounting member, and a spring shaft between and spaced apart from the upper and the lower abutments, and further comprising a locking device comprising:

a helical spring put on the spring shaft;

- 20 a substantially parallelepiped locking block disposed between the upper and the lower abutments for urging against the helical spring, the locking block comprising a side protuberance and two V-shaped projections at two opposite sides;
- a hollow, substantially parallelepiped driven mechanism comprising an elongated rectangular channel, two guide bars at both sides, two V-shaped recesses
- 25 at both sides, a top ridge, and a hole in the ridge; and
- a connecting cable having an end hook inserted in the hole of the driven mechanism for enabling the driven mechanism and the connecting cable to operate together;
- wherein responsive to mounting the driven mechanism in the abutment
- 30 mechanism for sliding the driven mechanism along the grooves, inserting the guide bars into the troughs until being stopped by the stop members, receiving the upper and the lower abutments and the locking block in the channel, matingly engaging the V-shaped projections with the V-shaped recesses, and causing the connecting cable to pass one of the grooves.